**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 59-19-60 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE REMOVAL OF SCHOOL DISTRICT TRUSTEES AND FILLING VACANCIES, TO PROVIDE THAT DISTRICT TRUSTEES GUILTY OF MALFEASANCE, MISFEASANCE, INCOMPETENCY, ABSENTEEISM, CONFLICTS OF INTEREST, MISCONDUCT, PERSISTENT NEGLECT OF DUTY IN OFFICE, OR INCAPACITY SHALL BE SUBJECT TO REMOVAL FROM OFFICE BY THE GOVERNOR, TO DELETE NOTICE REQUIREMENTS AND THE RIGHT TO APPEAL, AND TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. Section 59-19-60 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“Section 59-19-60. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, school ~~School~~ district trustees guilty of malfeasance, misfeasance, incompetency, absenteeism, conflicts of interest, misconduct, persistent neglect of duty in office, or incapacity shall be subject to removal from office ~~for cause by the county boards of education, upon notice and after being given an opportunity to be heard by the county board of education~~ by the Governor. ~~Any such order of removal shall state the grounds thereof, the manner of notice and the hearing accorded the trustee, and any such trustee shall have the right to appeal to the court of common pleas, as provided in Section 59‑19‑560.~~ Vacancies occurring in the membership of any board of trustees for any cause shall be filled for the unexpired term ~~by the county board of education~~ in the same manner as provided for full‑term appointments.”

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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